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SUBJ: GARBA ANNOUNCES SECRETARY KISSINGER TO VISIT NIGERIA

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1. AT AIRPORT CONFERENCE OCTOBER 19 ON RETURN TO NIGERIA FOLLOWING VISITS TO UN, US, AND FAR EAST, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER GARBA TOLD PRESS SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD AGREED TO VISIT NIGERIA EARLY NEXT YEAR TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE BILATERAL US-NIGERIAN RELATIONS. GARBA SAID HIS TALKS WITH US LEADERS, INCLUDING THE SECRETARY HAD CENTERED ON WAYS TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT "AN UNDERSECRETARY" IN STATE DEPARTMENT IS EXPECTED IN NIGERIA EARLY NEXT WEEK TO CONCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DR. KISSINGER'S PROPOSED VISIT.

3. ASKED ABOUT CIA CONNECTIONS WITH FBIS KADUNA AND AN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY IN BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP WITH FMG (ASH-LAND), GARBA SAID FMG IS INVESTIGATING THE MATTER. COMMISSIONER SAID FMG WOULD NOT HESITATE TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST ANY
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INSTITUTION FOUND TO BE IN COLLUSION WITH THE CIA OR INVOLVED

IN ANY MATTER NOT IN BEST INTEREST OF SECURITY OF NIGERIA.

4. COMMENTING ON FMG'S TAKE-OVER OF MOLONEY STREET EMBASSY ANNEX, GARBA SAID IT HAD BEEN "MINOR MATTER" WHICH HAD BEEN SETTLED LOCALLY. HE ADDED FMG HAD NOT MEANT TO STRAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND NIGERIA. HE SAID NO AMERICANS HE MET DURING VISIT HAD MENTIONED THE SUBJECT.
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